Electric Scheme which was once considered and dropped? Have the Government begun reconsidering? If so, what stage the reconsideration has reached?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON (*Chief Engineer*).

The answer to the first part of the question is "No idea at present." The answer to the second part is "No." No answer is necessary to the third part.

Nemmara Irrigation Scheme.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

82. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the papers in its possession, regarding (iii) Mr. Bhore's Nemmara Irrigation Scheme?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON (*Chief Engineer*).

(iii) The report of the Special Engineer who investigated the Nemmara Irrigation (Pottundi Storage Reservoir) scheme has been forwarded to the Chief Engineer for examination and report. It is not, therefore, possible to lay the papers on the table.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

83. Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has referred the scheme mentioned in 82, (iii) to any experts for opinion and if so, will the Government kindly place the opinions obtained from them on the table?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON (*Chief Engineer*).

The question has been referred only to the State Chief Engineer, and his report has not been received.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Will the Government Member in charge kindly state when the question was referred to the Chief Engineer?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON (*Chief Engineer*).

The question was referred to him about two years ago.

Canal Department.

Mr. O. R. CHUMMAR (*Vellarappalli*).

84. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

i. the gross annual revenue derived from the Canal Department during the last three years; and

ii. the total annual expenditure for the maintenance of the same department during the same period?

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